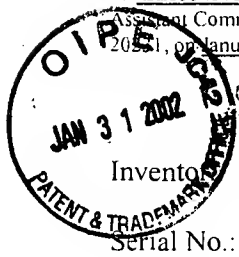


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The following Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in regard to the above-captioned patent application filed on November 16, 2001. Please enter the following amendments before examination on the merits. A Marked-Up Version and Clean Copy of the Specification is enclosed.

In the Specification

On page 1, line 6, please add --and U.S. Serial No. 09/317,678 filed May 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,702-- after "2000"

No fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our attorney docket number (21726/92990).

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